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MUTE UPDATE! LINDA MOULTON HOWE IN NM—GAIL STAEHLIN SAYS, "COVER AND CALL!"

Gail Staehlin, Albuquerque's noteworthy mutilation investigator, and Linda Moulton Howe, author, researcher and video producer, had a meeting on Saturday, September 10, in Taos, New Mexico with ranchers and cattle inspectors about the recent wave of cattle mutilations which have been occurring in northern New Mexico. Several hypotheses on the cause of the phenomenon were discussed. Linda encouraged ranchers to write to their Representatives and Senators about the mutilations in an effort to get help with the problem.

Linda came to New Mexico to talk to the ranchers and cattle inspectors with whom Gail has been working. While here, Linda had meetings with other researchers. She also interviewed Frank Joyce on his recollections of Roswell. Part of this interview was aired on Art Bell's "Dreamland" on Sunday, September 11. Reportedly, Linda also visited some other locations in New Mexico.

The Situation in New Mexico

Gail has been working closely with Linda and pathologist/hematologist Robert Altshuler of Denver

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THE MIDWAY SIGHTINGS— A Personal Look

by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

On Thursday, September 15, Dan DeMar, NM MUFON State Director, Doug Molund, an independent investigator, and I attended the one o'clock press conference at José Escamilla's Ultimate Dinosaur Productions, Inc. in downtown Roswell.

José, a native of Roswell, has worked as a video editor in Los Angeles and elsewhere for 12 years. He is open, friendly, enthusiastic and sincere. He and his wife Karen, his sister Becky and his brother Manuel have all seen and videotaped objects in the sky.

How It Began

Events began with the March 5 incident (see *NM MUFON News*, #15) in Midway, a small community nine miles southeast of Roswell. Escamilla and his family have accumulated more than 700 hours of daylight UFO footage showing over 1,000 objects.

Some of this footage has been released to programs like "Hard Copy," "Encounters," and "Sightings" for analysis and for use in their shows. It has been analyzed by experts, including Jeff Sainio of MUFON. Several of the objects

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KARL PFLOCK: "The Air Force lied"

I spoke by phone to Karl Pflock on Saturday, September 17. I asked him for his reaction to the Air Force announcement about Roswell.

Pflock said, first, it should be clearly understood that the Air Force was tasked to conduct research about Roswell in response to the GAO audit.

"The GAO casts a wide net," he said. Many other agencies and the Army, Navy, etc. will also be tasked. "The Air Force material is only part of the raw material that the GAO will use to do its study," Pflock said.

The raw material all goes to the GAO and they will study it and do their own investigations. The final report is at least a year away.

Second, the Air Force tried to pull a fast one, a "pre-emptive strike" by announcing the findings of their search before the GAO gets to review it. "They hoped most people would believe this is the final answer and then view the GAO final report as old hat," he said. But it's not the final answer. "No one is taking the Air Force at its word. The GAO will check out all the facts," he assured me.

Pflock said that this Air Force search is a sort of "pilot study." "It's only the beginning. It's far from the final answer," he repeated.

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Mute Update, continued

for more than a year. Gail and colleague Gene Nieri of Albuquerque have developed a relationship with the ranchers, cattle inspectors and law enforcement in northern New Mexico, personally investigating the dead cattle, taking samples, videotaping their investigations, and compiling a file of forty-six mutilations to date over the last 18 months.

Until recently, Gail and Gene were the only investigators in the state looking into the current wave of mutilation. Gail asked for help and now has several other people who have done some investigating and are familiar with the methods of sample taking.

In order to cover such a large area, a number of investigators are needed who can be ready to go to a site quickly. Samples must be as fresh as possible for an effective analysis. "It's crucial to get to a carcass as soon as possible," said Gail.

How They Got Started

Gail and Gene began investigating mutilations in the field in November 1993, using their experience as MUFON field investigators. Gene is also known for his independent research on Roswell and Area 51. Gail and Gene hosted the "Animal and Livestock Mutilation Seminar" in Taos on May 31 (see *NM MUFON News*, #17).

When she began investigating mutes in November, Gail said she had to quickly learn many new skills and methods for documentation, including photographic techniques. She also had to learn proper tissue sampling methods. This included learning to use sterile knives, tweezers and containers, learning what areas on the cow to sample and how much tissue to take ("You don't need a lot—1/2" by 1-1/2" pieces"). She also had to find out how to pack the samples for shipment ("In a sterile jar containing formalin, which is available from a pharmacy. Alcohol is not good; it hardens the tissue"). Also important was learning how to pack and send it to a lab ("Fed Ex, overnight").

The Work Goes On

It is important to note that without Gail and Gene's work there wouldn't be any data on the recent mutilation activity in New Mexico.

They have spent many hours in the field, talking to ranchers, cattle inspectors and law enforcement officers. They've also spent a lot of time developing relationships with other professionals and researchers. (Gail says her phone bill is at least \$100 a month in calls relating to her research, but she feels it is worth it if better data is the result.)

Gail would like to work with more professional people. She is currently sending her samples to more than one lab and wants to work with more vets and cattle inspectors in New Mexico.

What Keeps Them Going?

"I feel sorry for the ranchers," says Gail. "Until now they haven't had anyone willing to go to bat for them. In New Mexico, mutilation is a criminal act. The killing goes on."

When asked if she plans to continue her work, she replied, "I will stay with investigating mutilations even if it takes the rest of my life."

Cooked Hemoglobin and Dark Helicopters

As I mentioned earlier in this article, 46 known mutilations have occurred over the last 18 months in several areas in northern New Mexico, but the actual number may be much higher as there are probably many more happening which haven't been reported.

One rancher, Eli Hronich, near Eagle Nest Lake, has had a total of 15 mutilations on his land. The most recent was a nine-day-old calf found on August 29.

Gail, Gene, Dr. Altshuler and others have taken samples from Hronich's dead animals. Dr. Altshuler has found "cooked hemoglobin" in several cases, indicating a high heat cutting instrument may have been used.

Other "classic" mutilation signs have been noted. Eye(s), tongue or anus have been removed, and some internal organs are also removed. There is an absence of blood in the carcass or on the ground around it. There is also an absence of footprints or other evidence of how the animal was killed. Dark helicopters have been seen by several ranchers.

Other Troubling Aspects and A New Turn

Some other troubling features include the presence of a powder which is visible under infrared light and is found on some mute hides. A mysterious blue-green jelly was found in the mouth of one cow. This substance is now under analysis.

A lethal level of potassium has been found in some internal organs of mutilated animals. Gail says that elevated levels of potassium in the liver may be a natural phenomenon related to death, but such high levels are unusual. This is also being investigated.

Several of the mutes were found to have pneumonia and would have died naturally within days if they hadn't been the victims of mutilation. What significance this finding has is not known.

A new turn (within the last six weeks) in the phenomenon which Gail and her team have noticed is the

tendency of recent mutes to decompose within a 24-hour period. Why rapid decomposition has become a factor is a mystery, but, "Were hot on the trail," Gail quipped.

Possible Danger to Ranchers and Investigators

Eli Hronich's hand was burned after he touched a carcass; the burning lasted for a week. Another rancher and members of his family had flu-like symptoms after exposure to a mute. When Gail takes samples, she wears two sets of surgical gloves as well as wearing protective clothing. She cautions that anyone finding a mutilated animal: *Do not touch it!* "Put a tarp over it to keep the vultures away, and call me or Gene as soon as possible. Cover and call." [See the box on the right.]

Satanic Cults, Aliens, or the Government?

I asked Gail about the possibility of Satanic cults being involved. She said, "It's possible, but in Satanic cult activity there is blood everywhere. How would they do it with no spillage?" No evidence indicating cults or similar groups, such as melted candles, has yet been found on a site, so in the cases she has investigated, cult activity doesn't seem to be an answer. "Many people are afraid of this possibility however, so more research should be done," Gail said.

Gabe Valdez, formerly of Dulce and now residing in Albuquerque, is working with Gail. He has been researching the phenomenon for years. Gail says she has learned much from him and is grateful for his help. Gail said that Gabe suggested that she inspect a site for up to a mile around by walking backward from the animal and looking closely for previously unseen evidence.

When I asked what the implications would be if the phenomenon turns out to be "alien" in nature, Gail replied, "It would change everything we know."

"And if some government group is doing the mutilations?" I asked.

"I hope to catch them!" She said. "It's like rustling. It's a felony."

If it's cults or some other group of people? Gail said, "I hope to catch them, too. They should be prosecuted."

Gail stated once again how pleased she is that ranchers and cattle inspectors have been so good about contacting her. She feels very concerned for them and understands the problems they face. (The livestock boards, for the most part, have not been willing to get involved.)

"I just want to bring the ranchers together with other ranchers out there. Some of the ranchers are scared and I'm trying to get rid of the fear and let them open up to one another," she said.

--by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

HOW TO REPORT A MUTILATION? Cover and Call!

If you find a mutilated cow, *cover* it with a tarp and *call*:

Gail Staehlin - (505) 822-6765,
Gene Nieri - (505) 268-2880, or
NM MUFON - (505) 897-7972

If you find a mutilated cat, dog or other domestic animal or wild animal, *don't* call Gail. Instead, please contact NM MUFON at the above number and then sheriff, police or animal control. NM MUFON may want to inspect the animal.

The Midway Sightings, Continued

have been designated true "unknowns." We had heard that some people consider the Midway sightings videos to be the most compelling UFO footage ever taken.

The Press Conference

With this in mind, we were looking forward to seeing the video images (we hoped to go to Midway later to look for UFOs themselves), and we waited anxiously for the more than 30 people who attended to take their seats. José and Karen had prepared press kits for all who wanted them and had made up souvenir clip-on media passes. They also generously gave out copies of their award-winning video for children, *Donny Deinonychus—The Educational Dinosaur*.

José greeted the crowd and began the presentation by showing what he could do on video to *simulate* UFOs—little, hard-edged, cartoon-like discs whizzing around a Roswell-like landscape.

Then he showed some of the Midway footage, which when compared to the simulations appeared less precise, and often blurred and shaky due to the camera being hand-held.

José, Karen and Becky have seen so many objects that they have grouped them according to shapes and other characteristics. First, the "rods" group: Long, light or dark, cigar-shaped objects. Another type is the "dome," a disc shape with a dome on top.

José smiles and calls another the "Klingon ship," a large, translucent, three-tiered object appearing faint and shadowy. Several other sequences show a display he calls the "Myriad of lights": many sparkling points that

go on and off in an abstract pattern. "This could be video noise," he concedes.

Then there is the "centipede," a long object with dots which moves very fast across the screen. Another group of objects he has named the "spin top." It is shaped like an old-fashioned children's top. It is partially transparent and looks to me like a shadow. Escamilla admits it is "like a blip, a quirk."

Karen describes some other images as "paintbrush strokes." These seem to skip across the sky.

Then there is interesting footage of what looks like a jet with a contrail which transforms instantaneously into a luminous ball. I'd like to see this one analyzed; it's intriguing.

More Film Is Shown

After a discussion period, José presented videos of *multiple* objects. Several showed weather balloons with another, smaller object. One sequence shows a jet and a white ball. The ball approaches the plane, touches the tail, and then speeds off. This piece of footage is spectacular.

He played footage of small white balls interacting with definitely human aircrafts and with each other, and this series reminded me of the objects seen in the shuttle Discovery flight STS-48 tape analyzed by Jack Kashner. They also resembled the small white balls that danced through the English Crop circles a few years ago.

These various objects hovered, moved fast and slow, changed direction or faded in and out. Some extremely fast-moving objects seemed to move quicker than the camera could catch. "They changed *between* frames or fields," José explained.

Reactions from the Audience

The audience was definitely paying attention, commenting and asking questions in a lively manner. Someone was heard to say, "Yeah, that's just what I saw in 1978!"

There were two young women, local residents, standing in the back. José pointed them out and asked them to tell their story. They said they saw a large, round, luminous object one evening, only to discover that the Escamilla family had videotaped an identical object earlier that day. One of the young women said, "I wouldn't believe in his tapes, either, if I hadn't seen it myself."

A reporter asked, "Could it be Air Force top secret activity?" José answered that he had no idea, but that the Air Force hasn't asked to see the pictures yet. "If it is top secret, we shouldn't be able to film it so much," he reasoned, eliciting laughter.

Another person asked if these sightings were proof of the "Roswell Incident" of 1947. José said, "No, but there's probably proof of 'Roswell' out there somewhere." He pointed out that if some witnesses were reportedly released from their security obligations for the recent Air Force report, then maybe others can come forward, too. Maybe the Escamillas' efforts to get the Midway sightings out to the public will somehow pave the way for other disclosures. Who knows?

"I wasn't taping in 1947," José said, "but there sure are a lot of things in the sky near Roswell right now!"

What's the Next Step?

Jose and Karen plan to make tapes of the Midway sightings available to researchers for analysis. (They gave me one to take home, study, and share with my research colleagues.) They also hope to make a video of the footage for commercial sale. They have a distributor and plans are progressing.

"We want to get this stuff out. We don't know what it is. We've spent a lot of money and time. It has consumed our lives and we just want some answers so we can get on with other things," Karen confided. I think I know how she feels.

A Visit to Midway

After the press conference, José invited Dan, Doug and me to go to the family farm in Midway to see where all these images were being filmed. (On the way we stopped briefly at John Price's UFO Enigma Museum, which is interesting and well worth a visit.)

When we arrived at the farm, we learned that it had been in the family since 1956 and José, Becky and Manuel had grown up there. It consisted of a humble but charming cluster of small adobe buildings and mobile homes covered with nailed-on weathered-wood boards. The yard opened on to the highway. The trees and skyline were familiar from the videotapes.

Almost as soon as we arrived, we saw something white in the sky. Manuel taped it. To the naked eye, and even through binoculars, it looked like a piece of paper or a butterfly or maybe an airplane. Later that afternoon we went back to the office with José and Karen to scan the tape.

The object we had seen appeared white, blurry and nobody knew what it could be. It was interesting to note that *it did resemble some of the Escamillas' other footage*. Does it mean we saw a UFO? Other than it being "unidentified," who knows? José wasn't sure. Dan, Doug and I felt it might be a moth or airborne debris of some kind. I've noted that video camera sometimes tend to enhance reflecting lights, and things

can look different on film than they do when they are seen with the naked eye.

Further Thoughts and Impressions

As we drove home to Albuquerque, we went by an area we had been told was near where the Foster Ranch had been. We couldn't help wonder about what really happened in this area in 1947.

José's enthusiasm is genuine and his sincerity obvious. Is it a clever hoax? I don't think so. But is it real evidence of UFOs? Much more analysis is needed, and, unfortunately, photographs may never prove the reality of UFOs. It was both stimulating and frustrating to try to figure out just what we had seen. At the very least, the Midway sightings are impressive. They certainly warrant further serious study.

While not conclusive the images are compelling. José and his family say they don't know what they are. They've filmed so many of them that they're almost overwhelmed. "We see things all day, every day," says Becky. "They're almost as common as birds."

We enjoyed meeting José, his wife and family. They are open, sincere and generous people. The UFO phenomenon has thrust itself on to them and now they want answers, just as we do.

We'll keep you posted on the Midway sightings. If you want more information or if you want to go down and see for yourself, call José Escamilla at (505) 624-0510 (FAX 505-624-0516). He'll be glad to show you around.

"The Air Force Lied" (continued)

"But the plan backfired on the Air Force," he said. "The real gist of the announcement is that the Air Force lied," Pflock stated. This is what most people get from the announcement.

As far as Project Mogul is concerned, it was a top-secret project in 1947. They lied about it, but it was justified at the time. "The public cover story was to protect Mogul," he said, "but years later, when the Roswell question came up, they were too lazy to go back and search for the truth. They fuelled the fires by saying 'we don't know anything.'"

Karl said he would go into this more and talk about other aspects of the GAO investigation as well as discuss the information contained in his monograph at the NM MUFON meeting on September 22. (See Calendar for time and location.) And don't miss it!

--Carolyn Duce-Ashe

Debby Stark obtained the following press release on September 12, 1994 from Congressman Schiff's Albuquerque Office:

September 8, 1994

SCHIFF RESPONDS TO AIR FORCE REPORT ON ROSWELL '47 EVENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., -- U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., today commended the Secretary of the Air Force for supporting the General Accounting Office's (GAO) audit of the '1947 Roswell Incident' by conducting a search of their own records, Schiff's office announced.

Schiff, however, is concerned that the Air Force seemed to focus on UFOs and extraterrestrial beings and not the request that the GAO has been acting on since approached by the Congressman.

"My question about the Air Force report is whether it provides a complete accounting of all records dealing with the Roswell incident, regardless of their content. That was my specific request," Schiff said. "At no time did I or the GAO state that my intent was to search for UFOs."

Schiff has asked the GAO to assist him in finding the existing files that relate to Roswell and report back to him. At this time, the GAO's audit, entitled "Records Management Procedures Dealing With Weather Balloon, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents" is not complete.

"I am hopeful that the Air Force's report will assist the GAO as they continue to work on their comprehensive audit," said Schiff. "Similarly, I am confident that the professionals at GAO will do their best to provide the American people with a timely and well documented review of their findings."

CALENDAR



September NM MUFON meeting: Thursday, September 22 at the *NEW MEETING LOCATION* - Discovery Bookstore at 1540 Juan Tabo NE in Albuquerque. Meeting time is 7 p.m. Karl T. Pflock will speak, answer questions and sign copies of his monograph *Roswell In Perspective*. For each copy sold at the meeting Karl will donate \$5 to NM MUFON! So, hope to see you there!

September 23: "Sightings" on Fox may include a segment on the mutilations in New Mexico with an interview of rancher Eli Hronich. Check for broadcast time.

September 30-October 3: 6th Annual New Age, Alien Agenda, and Cosmic Awareness Conference in Phoenix/Mesa, AZ. There will be a special presentation of the Midway UFO photos by Jose Escamilla. Call (908) 602-3407.

October 1: Larry King TNT Special, "The UFO Coverup: Live From Area 51". See local TV guide for time.

October 8-9: The Seventh Annual Ufo Experience Conference - Holiday Inn, North Haven, CT. For information contact Omega Communications, PO Box 2051MJ, Cheshire, CT 06410-5001.

October 20-23: The Question Of Exterrestrial Contact, Holiday Inn East/Airport, Summit Ridge Drive, Tahlequah, OK 74461. Info - 456-3421.

October 27: NM MUFON Meeting at the Discovery Bookstore at 7 p.m. We have several great videos we'd like to show, and a group discussion is tentatively planned. Find out about Roswell, cattle mutilations, the moon, and the Midway sightings. Don't miss this meeting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW DATE AND PLACE for NM MUFON meetings! Beginning in September we will be meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Discovery Bookstore at 1540 Juan Tabo NE in Albuquerque. Meeting time will remain the same - 7 p.m.

The View From Hermit's Peak, a monthly newsletter on alternative research into the UFO phenomenon, is edited by Richard Rowlette and Carolyn Duce-Ashe. For sample copies write: Richmar Group, PO Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

Victoria Alexander of Santa Fe has completed *The Alexander UFO Religious Crisis Survey*, which was funded by Robert Bigelow and The Bigelow Foundation. An article on her survey was printed in the September issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*. Copies of the report

can be ordered from The Bigelow Foundation, 4640 South Eastern, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

NEWS FROM HERE, THERE AND WAY OUT THERE!

Rumor has it... that Jones Intercable (Albuquerque and most of the environ's cable TV company) will be willing to carry The Science Fiction Channel if they receive 2,000 letters from people who want to see that channel. If you are one, write Jones Intercable, 4611 Montbel Lp NE, Albuquerque, NM 871___. I don't know who it should be addressed to, but you might try Program Manager or even President...

Wired magazine strikes again. The September 1994 issue has a story on page 108 about those who argue that "the moon landings may have been a \$25 billion swindle, perpetrated by NASA with the latest in communications technology and the best in [1960's] technology." The focus is on Bill Kaysing, who wrote *We Never Went to the Moon...* In the same issue, page 142, is a far more complementary review of *The X-Files*.

Our own Gail Staehlin was interviewed by Linda Howe on Dreamland on the evening of August 20, but the show was preempted by a football game...

On August 27th's Dreamland (which featured Kevin Randle talking Roswell), Linda Howe mentioned that a Waurika, Oklahoma rancher was missing 850 cow-calf pairs. Is this something mysterious, or just criminal or bad or even fraudulent bookkeeping? The bank and the sheriff are convinced something's wrong...

During his "appearance" on Art Bell's regular early-morning program on September 3, John Lear said that the late Jimmy Doolittle was his source for MJ-12 material...

Seen on the Internet: Bob Oechsler quits! As of September 1, 1994, controversial UFO investigator Bob Oechsler "retired from UFO research and investigations." His fax is reported to have said "I've decided to extricate myself from this eternal abyss and return to the family life that I've sorely neglected." Considering how he handled his end of the Canadian Guardian video/UFO landing, "eternal abyss" may be an understatement...

If UFO clothing, jewelry and books are what you're looking for, you might write to the International UFO Center, PO Box 691388, Orlando, FL 32869 and request their catalog.

Did you get our postcard announcing our September 22 meeting? If not and you want to be on the mailing list (and you'll come and make sending it worth it!), please let us know.

--collected by and the responsibility of Debby Stark

The article on the right was submitted by MUFON State Section Director Ken Ewing of Los Alamos, NM.

The article immediately below was submitted by Tom Adams of Paris, TX. Tom has been investigating strange phenomena in the southwest for many years.

Rio Grande, Sun. 25 Aug. 1994

Three Mutilated Cows Found Near Truchas

Three mutilated cows apparently have been found near Truchas.

The cows were part of a herd owned by Truchas resident Max Cordova and his father and brother, Alberto and Albert Cordova.

Cordova said the three dead cows were discovered last Friday with their genital organs and udders removed. The tongues

also were cut out. The anuses had been cut from two of the dead animals, he said.

The animals were found several hundred feet apart in a pasture off Llano de Abeyta Road.

The cutting was done with surgical precision, Cordova said, adding that there was no evidence that predators had attacked the animals.

Cordova would like for state officials or law enforcement officers to document the incident, which bears a striking resemblance to approximately 30 other case of livestock mutilation in Northern New Mexico in the past 16 months.

Several area residents claim an increase in late night-early morning traffic along Llano de Abeyta Road last Wednesday and Cordova believes that is when the animals were destroyed.

Search continues for 1,700 cattle

■ **WAURIKA, Okla.** — The search is on for 1,700 cattle a rancher reported missing from pastures west of Waurika. Rancher A.D. Richardson told authorities Sunday that 850 cows and 850 calves were missing. He said the cattle disappeared between Aug. 3 and Sunday. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Fort Worth, is checking with sale barns in the surrounding counties, said investigator Larry Gray.

Dallas Morn. News wed 8-10-94

More Cattle Mutilations Spur Meeting

Albuquerque Journal, Sept 7, 1994

By Andrew Stiny

JOURNAL CORRESPONDENT

TAOS — An amateur cattle mutilation investigator says she is convinced a spate of recent mutilations in northern New Mexico are not the work of a satanic cult or predators and that more unreported mutilations have occurred.

"Cordova said six more ranchers had mutilations, but are scared to talk about it," said Gail Staehlin of Albuquerque, referring to Truchas rancher Max Cordova, who had a

recent mutilation of cattle at his ranch.

"Very, very high levels of potassium have been found in the Truchas cows," Staehlin said. "I don't know what this substance is. ... We're having it tested."

Six tissue samples from six different cows are being examined at an Albuquerque veterinary lab, she said.

More than 30 cattle mutilations have been reported in northern New Mexico in the past year or so, according to recent published

reports. All have reportedly been similar with the sex organs of the animals removed.

"We are going to hold a private meeting with ranchers, veterinarians, and the livestock board to hash this out," Staehlin said. Night watches or stakeouts of ranches are a possibility, she said. Meanwhile, a spokesman for Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., says the senator has been monitoring the situation and will be in Taos this week.

Staehlin said a different course of action will be pursued if and when

another mutilation occurs.

"We want to bring the whole thing (carcass) to a veterinary diagnostic lab," which hasn't been done yet, she said.

The cow carcasses are decomposing very fast, said Staehlin. She said double tissue samples from recent mutilations are being sent to labs in Denver as well as Albuquerque.

"We don't want anyone to touch one (a carcass) without gloves," Staehlin said. Several people have received some types of burns from the carcasses, she said.

Near Roswell

Man has film of UFOs

Abq Tribune, Sept 17, 1994

ROSWELL — A New Mexico man says he and members of his family have spent the last six months shooting videotape of unidentified flying objects shaped like domes, cigars, rods, centipedes and dots that flash in groups.

Jose Escamilla held a news conference Thursday to show a compilation of more than 700 hours of footage shot since March 12 at the family home at Midway.

"Every day we get something; at least one or two (objects)," he said.

Two Roswell sisters, Kristine and Gracelyn Kelley, both 20, said they saw a sphere Escamilla said he filmed for about 30 minutes July 14. The women described it as an orange fireball with a white streak.

"I said it was a UFO, but Grace said, 'No, you're nutty.'" Kristine Kelley said.

Escamilla has sold his footage to UFO Central Home Video, which will market it to people interested in UFOs and to UFO museums and video stores. Some footage already has been shown on the television programs "Sightings" and "Hard Copy," but Escamilla said he hasn't been able to get on national daytime talk shows.

Ulysses spacecraft

Abq Trib.
9/17/94

Fast solar blobs found

LOS ALAMOS — Huge blobs of gas expelled from the sun at nearly 2 million miles per hour is one of the discoveries made possible by instruments from the Los Alamos

National Laboratory that are aboard the Ulysses spacecraft.

Scientists from LANL said Friday the blobs of gas expand so rapidly they become encased in a shock front that sweeps up the thin gas of the surrounding solar wind, leaving an enormous region at the center relatively void of material.

"The high speed of the solar wind above the poles is a key finding of the Ulysses mission," John Phillips, principal investigator for the Los Alamos experiment, said.

The speed of the solar wind was not completely unexpected, but the team was surprised to identify shock waves at high latitudes, far from their point of origin at lower latitudes.

That movement would be comparable to a sonic boom from an airplane over Earth's equator rattling the Alaskan tundra, the lab said.

The experiment samples electrons and ions in the solar wind, which is a gale of ionized gas that flows continually from the sun, filling out and defining a volume of space called the heliosphere. The heliosphere extends beyond the orbit of the outermost planet and represents the farthest reach of the sun's influence.

The finding has important implications for understanding the heliosphere. Phillips said.

The team said that perhaps the most surprising new phenomenon identified was the rapidly expanding gigantic blobs of gas ejected at high speeds by the sun. The bubbles — equal in mass to 100,000 aircraft carriers — have their own shock waves associated with them.

These bubbles are known as coronal mass ejections, and Los Alamos researchers have demonstrated they are the main culprits for causing significant magnetic storms on Earth. Geomagnetic storms are capable of disabling satellites or electric power grids.

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